



# THE SEQUOIA



EUREKA SEQUOIA GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY NEWS

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## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: KAREN BURGESSER

July marks the beginning of the new gardening year and the second year of my term as President. Looking back on the 2021-2022 garden year, I am proud of what Eureka Sequoia Garden Club members have accomplished during a challenging time when we could not meet in person. We raised funds, planted trees, revised our bylaws, reinstated and awarded not one, but two \$500 scholarships. We pulled weeds and planted native plants at the Zoo, planted hanging baskets for the Old Town Gazebo, donated plants to help the Eureka Veterans Garden as we shared our knowledge and passion for gardening, plants, flowers through our diverse, yet common interests. We have a busy and fun year ahead!

## JULY PROGRAM: ESGC TO VISIT THE ANNIE B. RYAN GARDENS

The Friday July 15 program will be a tour of the beautiful Annie B. Ryan Gardens and House, located at 1000 F Street in Eureka. There will be a short business meeting in the garden. Members should plan to bring a chair and dress for the weather. The tour will begin at 11:00 a.m. If time allows, we may take a walk to view other beautiful gardens along F Street.

“The Annie B. Ryan House and Gardens restoration project is an ongoing effort to preserve and protect an important part of Eureka’s history. The Garden mission is to educate about gardening, including the use native plants, and to create a

beautiful garden setting for the neighborhood.

Source: - [eurekaheritage.com/annie-b-ryan-gardens](http://eurekaheritage.com/annie-b-ryan-gardens)

## ESGC ANNUAL PLANT SALE : SHELLY LUSK

Way to go, garden lovers. You did it again! On June 18th we had a very successful plant and garden yard sale, with many members coming out to help, to shop, and to catch up with members we haven’t seen the last couple of years.

As an event coordinator, this sale has given me opportunities to learn new gardening and management skills, patience to observe my progress, curiosity as to why some things just don’t work, and



confidence to try again! I encourage all members to take on leadership opportunities, however small, to encourage your own growth.

Like previous years, an eclectic variety of our locally propagated plants showed up early on the morning of the sale, ensuring we all had a chance to be surprised by what we sell at our own sale: from roses to cacti, very few people came to the sale and couldn’t find what they were looking for.

We could not have done this without all the help of members who took on so many unique roles, to folks who donated plants, and to all the family members who helped us set up, drop off, and clean up afterwards, and to the Leger’s for the use of their great corner lawn.

**HORTICULTURE REPORT: GEORGINA PACE-FOLIAGE STARS**

Rhododendrons are very popular spring-blooming shrubs in Humboldt County. Once the colorful blooms have faded, these plants are generally thought of as just green shrubs. However, rhododendrons are among many plants that have attractive and interesting new growth and foliage that makes them a focus of attention all year.

For some rhododendrons, new growth can rival the blooms themselves. Interesting color and texture can be seen on new shoots and bracts on those shoots. Bracts are modified leaves that originate as inner



bud scales. When the buds begin to grow, the bracts expand becoming very colorful - typically pink. Attractive hairs on stems and foliage (called indumentum) is perhaps the trait that most excites rhododendron foliage enthusiasts. They appear on all parts of the new

growth - colors ranging from white, silvery, blue-green, muted burgundy and rusty orange. The color of hairs on leaf undersides can be intense and long lasting. The hairs on the upper leaf surface can last for several months gradually wearing off with rain.

Rhododendron flowers are beautiful, but consider selecting and growing plants for foliage as well. Attractive new growth can provide a second "bloom" season; while colorful hairs, leaf shape, texture and leaf size can add many additional weeks of interest to your garden.

**Resource:** Published article "Rhododendrons as Foliage Stars" by Joe Brusco, Rhododendron Society of America, Massachusetts Chapter. Spring 2022.

**INSPIRATION**

*"The smallest garden about the humblest cottage, made beautiful by care and love spent on it, can bring to its neighborhood gifts richer than we know."*

-Clifton Lisle

**VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!**



The Henderson Center Watering Crew has been doing a great job in Henderson Center. There are 50 beautiful but thirsty hanging baskets. ESGC volunteers are watering on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Pictured is member Chuck Goodwin, the "Lone Waterer" and he has devised an extension for the water wand to make it easier. **The Watering Crew needs help.**

**Contact Shelly Lusk to volunteer for a turn. Invite your best garden buddy to come along and enjoy coffee or lunch afterwards.**

**HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS**  
**Shelly Lusk-28; Simone Taylor-29**

**THE CALENDAR FOR JUNE**

- 07/04 Independence Day
- 07/11 ESGC Exec. Comm. meeting, 10 am
- 07/15 Annie B Ryan garden tour and ESGC general meeting, 11 am

**NATIONAL, REGION, STATE, & DISTRICT OFFICERS**

National Garden Club, Inc. President, Mary Warshauer;  
 Pacific Region Garden Clubs Director, Lana Finegold;  
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